Single window system for approval of irrigation projects

4318. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY. Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested the Central Government to set up a single window system for approval to irrigation projects; and

(b) if so, the action, if any, taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per the information provided by the State Government, no such proposal has been initiated by Government of Karnataka.

(b) Does not arise.

Contaminated drinking water in various States

†4319. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that various diseases are spreading due to the use of contaminated drinking water in Haryana, Punjab and Delhi and the flouride content in water in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the concerned States made several attempts but they could not get success due to the lack of proper techniques; and

(c) whether Government would consider an effective National Policy in this regard and if so, the outline thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per studies carried out by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, ground water in major parts of the country is by and large potable. However, ground water has been found contaminated in some parts of the country including in Haryana, Punjab and Delhi. Ground Water in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan is also affected by excess (more than 1.5 mg/l) flouride. Long term use of such ground water causes health hazards.

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